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ANNOUNCEMENT: Officer Chris Harris wins "2004 Spirit Award" from Georgia State Board of Workers Compensation

Marietta Police Officer Chris Harris was recognized yesterday at the Georgia State Board of Workers Compensation awards. Officer Harris received the 2004 "Spirit Award" for his miraculous recovery from a traffic accident last year. During the first week of May 2003, Officer Harris was responding to back up another officer in pursuit of theft suspects. Officer Harris lost control of his patrol car on Franklin Road near Northwest Parkway in heavy rain. His vehicle went sideways and collided with a tractor/trailer. The passenger side of his patrol car was hit by the front of the tractor cab. The patrol car received extensive damage. Officer Harris was taken to Kennestone Hospital in critical condition with life threatening injuries. His recovery was expected to take over a year. The doctors felt there was little possibility of him ever returning to police work. Amazingly, Officer Harris was back on patrol four months after the accident. It was his positive attitude and desire to return to work that helped in his speedy recovery and is the reason for his recognition by the state board.